



The Mouthpiece



APRIL 2012 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

ADA SCUBA SKILLS TUNE-UP EVENT

Calling all ADA Members! Save the date for Saturday, May 12th for the ADA Scuba Skills Tune-up Event.

This exciting event will generate awareness of ADA and encourage new members to join. ADA will reach out to the community and provide an opportunity for lapsed scuba divers to brush up on their skills in a relaxed, friendly environment. It will also provide an opportunity for prospective ADA members to meet and get acquainted with the membership, learn about our dive trips and join ADA!



Date: Saturday, May 12th, 9am to 2pm

Location: AD Barnes Pool 3401 SW 72 Ave. Miami, FI

Price: Free to current paid-up ADA members; \$25.00 one-day only membership promotion for certified divers wishing to join ADA at the event – offer available to new members only.

Events and Activities: Ongoing Scuba Tune-Up Clinics taught by Safety Officers and PADI-certified scuba instructors. Clinic topics include re-familiarization and assembly of scuba equipment, proper use of equipment, and refresh on the typical pool skills with scuba equipment taught in the Open Water course. Also covered will be safety topics, equipment, dive planning, underwater environment, computer use, etc. Note: This is not the official PADI scuba refresher course and participants do not receive any sort of certification for this event.

All Divers Must Bring : C-card and

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| 1. Mask | 5. Regulator |
| 2. Fins | 6. BCD |
| 3. Snorkel | 7. Weights and Belt (unless an integrated weight system—no belt) |
| 4. One Tank with AIR | |

If you do not own all of this equipment, please rent what you lack at your local dive shop the **DAY BEFORE!**

Potluck Lunch: Poolside – Bring your own

Volunteers Needed: If you would like to volunteer for the registryoation table, lunch setup, clean-up, or clinic instruction, please contact Rachel at rachelhancock7@gmail.com or call 786-316-9852.

Spread the Word and Bring Your Friends! We want to use this event to get in as many new members as possible so please spread the word and bring your friends. There will not be another opportunity to join ADA for just \$25 for the rest of the year.

TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE, WHICH IS LIMITED, CALL LON AT 305-251-4975.

THIS IS YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER! !

If you have not payed the 2012 membership dues, (only \$35) this will be your last newsletter. We are sorry, but we can not afford to continue to send to non-paying divers.. Joy us today ! You may pay on line at activedivers.org or send check to Dan. (see back page)

ADA COSTA RICA TRIP

Ten lucky divers will be escorted by Dan and Daryl for an extraordinary dive trip to the Pacific coast of Costa Rica. We will stay 4 days and 5 nights at the beautiful Flamingo Beach Resort and Spa in Playa Flamingo, Guanacaste, Costa Rica. There we will enjoy three days of two tank Pacific Ocean drift diving in the pristine waters off the coast.

The cost of the trip is \$769 payable to ADA (Jerry Koza-kowski, treasurer). Airfare is **NOT** included, to allow those the flexibility to use a specific airline or frequent flyer package. A \$100 non-refundable deposit is required to book the trip (we have already received some deposits!!), and the final payment of \$669 is due May 10, 2012. After this date, all payments are final and NO refunds will be possible.

Non-divers may attend for \$514, subject to availability. If you have a preferred roommate, please let us know at the time of booking, otherwise, one will be selected for you.



The resort is approximately a two hour ride from the airport. The group will depart from Daniel Oduber Quiros International Airport (LIR) in Liberia, Guanacaste at 4:00pm on July 19, so be sure that your flight arrives no later than 2:00pm. Schedule your return flight to leave LIR no earlier than 11:00am on July 23. In planning a trip of this nature, there are many variables on flight schedules and rooming arrangements. We will try to accommodate as many permutations as possible.

Lunches and dinners are on your own. The area surrounding the resort has a cornucopia of restaurants to explore and enjoy, so be daring and see what they have to offer. Afternoons are free, so in addition to the diving experience, Costa Rica offers a wide variety of adventure side trips including zip-lining, luxury sunset boat cruises, and ATV trips to fill your time, or you can simply take advantage of the beach and the resort's amenities and chill out. Check out the area and resort on Trip Advisor. It has received many great reviews.

As we get closer to the departure date airfares will change, so now is a good time to start checking them out.

Feel free to contact Dan at 954-260-8225, email dmbaeza@bellsouth.net, or Daryl at 954-591-1161, email diverdayl@bellsouth.net for questions or reservations.

In summary, the trip includes:

1. 5 days / 4 nights of standard rooms at the Flamingo Beach Resort, double occupancy. Single occupancy available for an additional charge.
2. Breakfast daily
3. RT Airport transfers from Daniel Oduber Quiros International Airport (LIR) in Liberia, Guanacaste. [Note: Transfers from Juan Santamaria International Airport in San Jose (SJO) are available for a \$100 additional charge. The ride from SJO to the resort is approximately 4 hours.]
4. Three days of two-tank Pacific drift diving, tanks, and weights
5. Transportation to/from the dive boats and the resort

Not included:

1. Air fare
2. Lunches, dinners

Available for additional cost:

1. Additional afternoon one-tank boat dive may be purchased for \$50 per day
2. You may extend your stay in Costa Rica for \$90/pp per day. Contact Daryl to arrange a quote for the additional lodging and airport transfer fee.
3. An extra-cost all-inclusive meal package is available through the resort.



ADA 2012 Dive Schedule

April

28 N. Key Largo

May

6 BNP
11 Miami reef
20 Tavernier
26 Hollywood

June

2 Islamorada
10 Pennekamp
16 W. Palm
24 BNP

July

7 Miami Wreck
14 Tavernier
14 Tavernier nite
22 Ft. Lauderdale

Aug

4 Islamorada
12 BNP
19 W. Palm
25 Eagle wreck
25 Tavernier nite

Sept

2 Pompano
8 Pennekamp
16 Islamorada
23 Miami wreck
29 S, Key Largo

Oct

7 Hollywood
14 BNP
20 Speigal Grove
wreck
28 Ft. Lauderdale

Nov.

4 Duanne wreck
11 Boynton
Beach

HOW TO SAVE OUR PLANET, BIT BY BIT

THE THREE R's OF BEING GREEN

Reduce- consumption of electricity, gas, water, non-renewable resources, waste.

Reuse- plastic bags, boxes, paper, bottles, cans, containers and donate items.

Recycle- plastics of all types, paper, cardboard, glass, metals, if you can't reuse them.

You can do these each day, every day.

ADOPT A SHARK

The RJ Dunlap Marine Conservation program at the U of M Rosenstiel School has developed a shark tagging technique to study bull sharks, tiger sharks, and hammerheads sharks, all by satellite. Shark populations in S. Florida have been on the decline. The Dunlap program hopes to find out why.

You can help.

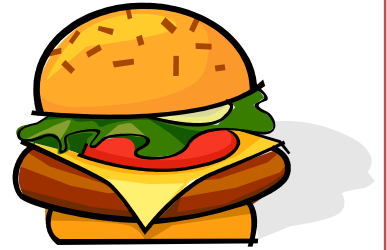
For a tax deductible \$2000, you can purchase a satellite tag, name your shark, and track it's movements in real time via Google.

For more info go to www.rjd.miami.edu or call [305 421 4356](tel:3054214356).

Post Dive BBQS

Cost \$10.00 includes-

Grilled hotdogs, hamburgers, chicken, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, chips and fixins. Soda & Beer.



While divers are tending their gear, our chef of the day will be preparing a feast fit for a King/Queen or at least for hungry divers. We invite all divers on the above dates to join us for good outdoor food and telling tall fish tales. Please send \$10 along with the dive fees, you may make one check for both.

DIVE AND EAT FREE

That's right, on our BBQ days you can earn a free dive and free eats. It's easy, just volunteer to be the chef of the day and you go for free.

Here's how it works— You buy the food and bring to the dive, after which you and the Safety Officer will prepare and serve.

The supplies and menu list will be faxed to you a few days prior with an exact list of needed items. Then you submit a receipt and your expenses will be reimbursed. Call Lon for more info and sign up.

ADA KEEPING DIVE COSTS DOWN

1. We do not plan to raise our local dive prices this year.
- 2 We are offering free beach dives this year in the metro area. No need to drive long distances to dives.
3. Our prices are still the lowest in town.

For Now, all ADA dives in 2012 will remain \$49. **Boat Ticket only!** Except the BNP dives which are \$59.

These prices may be changed without notice.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM ADA



April

Lee Wood

Clive Hew

Richard Auger

Thomas Obermeier

Gustavo Albor

Javier Aparisi

Allen Smith

Margaret McAlister

Jerry King

Rachael Hancock

ADA RULES & REGULATIONS

FOR ALL ADVANCED DIVES (DEPTHS OVER 60') ADA DIVERS MUST:

1. Be current (dive activity within the previous 3 months).
2. Have the approval of an ADA Safety Officer.
3. Have a minimum of 25 logged dives.
4. Carry an alternate air source (octopus), time keeping device and depth

ADA GUIDELINES FOR COMPUTER ASSISTED DIVING

1. Members using dive computers may extend their time underwater ten- (10) minutes beyond the time allowed by the tables.
2. Computer assisted dives must be well within the NO DECOMPRESSION LIMITS.
3. Members should understand and follow the manufacturer's recommendations.
4. If a computer diver is budded with a diver using the tables, both must follow the tables.
5. If a buddy-team is using unlike computers, both must follow the more

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE SAFETY OFFICERS' COMMITTEE

All members are reminded to read the "Rules & Guidelines for Diving Activities" you received with your membership package. Number 16 states, "All divers must be present for the pre-dive briefing". If the diver is not present for the entire briefing, diving privileges may be revoked for that dive. Please plan to arrive on time - or better yet - a bit early. We thank you and appreciate your cooperation.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR LOCAL DIVE TRIPS

Because of our contractual agreements with our service agents - dive shops and boat captains, we must notify them - usually seven days in advance - of the final number of spaces we are paying for. Thus, if our members cancel less than seven days in advance, we regret that *NO REFUND OR CREDIT* can be given, unless trip cancellation insurance has been purchased at the time of the dive trip payment (see next news article!)

ADA TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE

The Board of Directors has approved a unique concept in local diving: *NO FAULT INSURANCE!!*

For an additional \$5.00, per person, per local dive trip, members can eliminate the worry of losing their dive fees because of an unforeseen change of plans.

If, for any reason you are unable to attend a local dive for which you are scheduled and have paid the insurance, ADA will credit your dive fee to another date. *The \$5.00 insurance is non-transferable and non-refundable!*

When you make a reservation, ask for dive trip cancellation insur-

IMPORTANT WEATHER INFORMATION

Before departing for the dive site, confirm weather condition with Lon or the designated Safety Officer. It is the responsibility of the member to call; we cannot call you due to the large number of divers involved. For morning dives, call between 6 and 10 p.m. the night before the dive. For afternoon dives, call between 9 and 10 a.m. the morning of the dive.



HOW TO MAKE DIVE RESERVATIONS



1. Check this newsletter or the annual calendar for upcoming dives.
2. Call Lon at (305) 251-4975 to make a reservation. Please do not leave requests on his answering machine, the trip may be full.
3. We will hold your reservation for four (4) days from the date you call. If we do not receive payment within four days, your space may be given to other members. If you wish to confirm receipt, call Lon.
4. Ask for details about the trip when you call. Otherwise, details will be given when you call for a weather check. (See "Important Weather Information" this and every issue)
5. * Make your check payable to ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION, not to any individual, and mail to:
Jerry Kosakowski, 298 NW 83 Lane Coral Springs FL 33071-7439 You may also pay online via PayPal on the "Dive Schedule" page.



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